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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Takashi Hiroi et al.

Application No.: 09/802,693

Filed: March 8, 2001

For: A CIRCUIT PATTERN
INSPECTION METHOD AND
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Examiner: Brian P. Werner

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 3, 2003, Applicants hereby elect Species I for prosecution. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 34 as follows.

34. A method of resetting a threshold using a display coupled with a computer, said method comprising:
displaying a first standard on said display, said first standard used to select defect candidate image indications to be shown on a defect candidate distribution screen of said display; and

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